An Annual Award by the French Government For Art Works.

The French nation has for many years owned a handsome palace in the Eternal City, as Rome is frequently called. This is known as the Ville de' Medici. It is a beautiful building, standing in the middle of a garden filled with statuary and generations. She was shopping on State fine old trees, commanding a view of the famous old city and fitted up with superb furniture, tapestries and pictures, the remains of the former greatness of the once powerful Medici family, who for so many years were high in the political affairs of Italy. Here each year are sent four young Frenchmen - a painter, a sculptor, an architect and a carver of precious stones. These lads are chosen by a competition held at the where he lived, but he could not get School of Fine Arts in Paris every there. The policemen had sent for the patrol wagon, the only vehicle at their spring. The examinations are very searching, and the successful candidates are greatly envied, as well they may be, for, having won their honors, they are housed, fed and provided with a studio and an ample sum of money to pay their expenses for four years - all by the

French government.
So it will be seen that it is no small honor to have passed successfully had himself given them. through the ordeal, for not only is the opportunity for the delightful life under ch splendid conditions to be desired, but the youth who gains the distinction of being the prize winner is for evermore a marked man. His work is watchhis career may be said to be definitely let the child go home in a cab. "We'll which are white velvet and silk ed for, his future progress is noted, and made. The conditions under which the examinations are made are very strict. but he must go with us." Preliminary trials take place early in All who desire to enter inscribe their names at the government school. Of course only French lads may policemen take him. The policemen meet steamhoats and trains with try. For the painters, a subject is given out—perhaps some incident from the Bible, or an episcde from a mythological story-and sketches are made by the students.

Twenty or thirty of the most promising sketches are selected, and the young men thus chosen are notified. These lads then make drawings in charcoal of the Another selection is made, and those

chosen then make paintings. This time mer cottages were horrified at seeing a ten canvases are selected and their au- daughter of one of their first families | Timber Carts, Wagons, Harrows, Plows thors go, as they say in French, en loge, rolling swiftly by in a patrol wagon which means that each man of the ten enters a small studio, where are an easel men. And others who were not society people wondered what "that nice, reand materials for work, and he is allowed such models as are necessary to complete his picture. His first sketch of that the police were taking her away. the subject given out is handed to him, | And they moralized on the deceptive and from this he must make a painting | ness of appearances. - Chicago Tribune. about 3 feet by 4 in size. He is not allowed to make any material changes in his composition, but must keep very closely to his original design. Ontside his door sits an employee of the school, known as a "guardian," whose business it is to see that the student receives no help, nor may he leave the building, save under charge of this sentinel, who is watchful and keen and not to be trifled with. Three weeks are allowed in which to complete the work. Then the ten canvases are placed in frames. The works are the same size every year, and the old frames do duty over and over

Now is an anxious period while a jury composed of distinguished artists deliberate on the merits of the works to determine the order of their excellence. Finally a day comes when all is arranged. The ten pictures are placed in a gallery of the school, and each is numbered; the doors are opened, and the anxious crowd of students rushes in to learn the decision. You may be sure that the happy No.

1 is a hero and that he is carried around the Latin quarter on the shoulders of his companions. The strain of the past few months is over, and we may forgive him if he gives way to a lot of boisterous nonsense for a few hours. To No. 2 there is some consola- fore, in the public mind as a traitor Purest. We Best Drugs, the shape of a sum of money that enables him to travel for a year. Besides, he will compete the next year, and it frequently happens that the second man one season is the successful competitor of the year following.

The winning picture is hung permanently in the school, and the happy man goes to Rome. Each year he must send the beginning of his successful career, to which, as is well known, the Western home evidences of his application and Union corporation has largely contrib-uted. Edison had been bothering the officers of the company with telegraphic progress, that the state may know he is improving his time.—"A Famous French Painter," by Arthur Hoeber, in devices they had no need of. He came St. Nicholas. into the office one day when it was impossible to obtain communication be-

The Irbit Fair. The Irbit fair, which is held at Irbit, in the province of Perm, between the 1st of February and the 1st of March, is not on the great trading route between Russia and Siberia, and yet it is at Irbit that Siberia is supplied with manufactured goods for the year, and to which Siberia sends a large portion of her furs, skins, fish, honey, wax, hempseed, lin-seed and even butter. Here, too, is a great market for Chinese tea and silk and for many products of cen-tral Asia. Most of the goods left unsold from the Nijni Novgorod fair are sent on to Irbit, and Siberian goods left unsold from the Irbit fair, are, in turn, sent on to Nijni Novgorod. For Russian goods the traders enjoy some special privileges for carriage from fair to fair.

The Irbit fair dates from 1643, but up to the beginning of the present century had not exceeded a turn over of 2,000. 000 rubles per annum. In 1863, however, it had grown to 50,000,000, and in 1887 it reached 57,000,000, which in 1887 it reached 57,000,000, which was the high water mark. By 1892 the alive. Archduke Francis Ferdinand of turn over had declined to 34,000,000 rubles, and this fair is expected to suffer a good deal from the Transsiberian railway, now in course of construction, which will take Siberian grain and furs and other products direct on to the Russian railway system. Taking the Aller of the Russian railway system. sian railway system. Irbit itself is but a small place of 5,000 inhabitants, but during the fair the population rises to 100,000, and many of the houses are open only while the fair lasts.—Chamis consumptive and has no heir. Prince

A Curious Tetephone.

'I have a most remarkable telephone in my house,' remarked a resident of who perished in such a mysterious man-

the western addition. "Inoticed that at ner, is extremely delicate, and so, too times I could hear very distinctly the conversation in the next house. Sudden-whose health is a matter of grave anxly it would be broken off short in the lety to his parents. In fact, his second middle of a sentence, and I could not brother, Prince Eitel, his superfor in hear another word. It would become au- stature, weight, cleverness and general dible again just as suddenly.

health, is almost universally regarded "By a series of experiments I have as the real heir to the throne. found out that the sound is conducted by the water running through the pipes.
When the water is turned on in my house, I can hear all the conversation never entirely recovered from the effects in any of the rooms next door in which of the typhoid fever with which he was there is running water. When I turn off | laid low just about the time of the death | DRUGS, CHEMICALS, TOILET AND of his elder brother. In one word, one

the water, all sounds stop suddenly. "I told my neighbor of it, and we may look all over Europe without findhave put it to practical use. When I ing a single heir to a throne in whose wish to speak to him, I tap on the window, he turns on the water in his house can place confidence.—Chicago Record. and listens while I talk to him over the water pipe in an ordinary tone of voice. When I have finished, he turns off the water in his house, and I turn it on in a kind word about anybody," remarked mine and listen. In that way we can carry on long conversations with as "Neither have I," was the response much ease as if he were in the room "He's worse for running people down with me. Still our houses are about 30 than a trolley car."—Washington Star. feet apart, "San Francisco Post."

HEROIC ACT OF A SOCIETY GIRL Braves the Shame of a Patrol Wagon Ride

in the center thereof a small boy sob

bing bitterly under the guardianship

of two big policemen. To her horror,

she recognized in the small boy her cous-

The little fellow had slipped and

broken or sprained his ankle. He knew

The child was in perfect agony at the

where he lived. The address corre

sponded to that which the little fellow

said the society girl, a reasonable sug-

men would not hear to that. They had

gave up. "Well," she said, "if he must

go home in a patrol wagon, I'll go home in it too." So they lifted the

small boy in, and the society girl climb-

ed in after him, and the policemen

And thus it happened the few society

people who were by chance shopping on

that midsummer morning instead of en-

spectable looking girl" could have done

A Traiter as Base as Dreyfus.

The arrest of French spies in Ger-

many and of German spies in France

has long ceased to possess the element

of novelty or to attract more than passing attention. But it is none the less

true that an incident of this sort, if it

came at a moment of international fer-

the war, and afterward elected to retain

his French nationality. This gave him special claims to official consideration

and secured him a good berth in the po-

lice service and a decoration to boot. It

also put him in the very heart of the

patriotic clubs and societies which M.

Derculede and his friends have organ-

tween New York and Albany, and the

seat of the difficulty could not be lo-

was very simple. He telegraphed to

the best operator in Pittsburg and in-

structed him to telegraph to the best operator in Albany. The latter tel-egraphed his New York line down as

far as he could, feeling his way from

point to point, and sending the results to the Pittsburg man, who forwarded

them to Edison. In less than one hour

Edison said to the anxious officials, 'The

break is two miles from Poughkeepsie.' That simple method insured his status

with the Western Union people and

won for him a hearing in all his

Ailing Heirs to Thrones.

consumption and he is not expected to

No one would dream of describing

"I have never yet heard Bunkins say

The Czarowitz is in the last stages of

joying the country breezes of the sum-

mounted guard on each side.

gestion enough, surely, but the police

"I'll get a cab and take him home,"

command, for the little sufferer.

in's little son

General Merchandise, &c. She was not only herself a member of that society which considers itself entitled to a capital letter, but her fam-N FERTILIZERS we have "Rogers for all kinds of ily had been members thereof in good and regular standing for at least three

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